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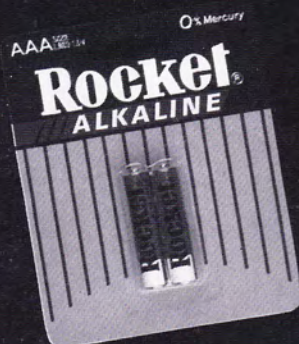
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**EDITORIAL**

# Consistency needed to hit top

THE ONLY THING consistent about this season is the fact that it is inconsistent.

Bottom placed teams beating championship contenders; predicted strugglers proving too hard to beat; and, shocks and form upsets galore.

There has never been a season start like this in the history of the national soccer league, a season when it seems that even a win is enough to go top of the league.

Like everything in life there has to be a reason - and just now there are twelve coaches who are scrambling to come up with the right answers.

At least that has had the fans on their toes although those toes have been quite wet with the now-traditional rainy start to the season.

But even the rains haven't dampened enthusiasm and crowd figures still show a healthy rise.

Another trend in football is the immediate season following a World Cup finals.

Put that together with the expectancy created by the changes being made in Australian soccer and the recipe is right for a continued increase in crowds.

All that is really needed now is a run of dry weather and a run of consistency on the football pitch.

The first team to hit that run will find itself at the top of the table but we may have to wait a while longer for the game to sort itself into a pattern.

The widely held belief in the game is that most of the top teams have come back to the pack

because of loss of star players overseas while the lower expectancy clubs have lifted their own games.

Before the season started I was predicting a grouping of the clubs with Adelaide City and Melbourne Knights fighting it out for that number one spot; Marconi, Sydney United and South Melbourne pushing for the other 'cert' Top Six places; Morwell, Brisbane, West Adelaide and Olympic fighting for the remaining Top Six spot/s; and Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra battling for the lower order.

Time might still prove me right but I would be a fool not to also predict that in each of those 'groupings' there would be a surprise.

To date, those predictions don't seem to be too far off the mark although the season is still a lot tighter at this stage than most would have forecast.

If it remains as tight to the end of the season then it will be the most nerve racking, spine tingling and entertainment charged season in history.

It will also be a perfect boost to bigger gate attendances as there is no bigger damper on crowds than supporting a losing side.

The Blues are expected by everyone to be up there but to do that an element of consistency has to come into our game.

But Frank Arok knows that and he is working overtime to get that blend right - before anyone else does so that South Melbourne can hit the top.



*Since he signed from Sunshine George Cross in 1992 Kevin Muscat has been one of the Blue & White Army's favourite players .... but despite the big money contract from Sheffield United the rugged defender pays tribute to*

# The best fans in the world

**H**E'S THAT KIND OF player that you either love or hate; maybe it's his no-nonsense style of play, maybe it's his undoubted confidence in his own ability which at times might seem almost arrogant, maybe it's just that you don't like defenders.

But Kevin Muscat has more than enough supporters to counter every single one of his detractors and he includes Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson in the former category.

Now he can add English club Sheffield United who will have forked out a whopping \$450,000 by the time he has played a certain number of games.

That's not bad money for the young kid who came to Australia as a pommie migrant.

Now he's going back to fulfil every English kid's dream, to become a full time professional footballer.

"I'm delighted to be going," he told me after skipping the Olyroos last week against Japan.

"But I have to be honest in saying that I am really going to miss South Melbourne.

"The fans have been brilliant to me ever since I signed - they must be included amongst the best set of supporters in the world.

"The fans at South are just fantastic and I'll always remember the atmosphere, especially in the big games at Middle Park."

Now Muscat has his chance to fulfil one of his dreams - but he also has another one to make his fairytale come true, and it is one which shows just where his true allegiance lies.

"I am desperate to represent Australia next year in the Olympics," he confessed.



"I missed out on Barcelona and I was really disappointed so I really want to play.

"It will be hard to get away from Sheffield for qualifying matches so I just hope that I am still remembered when next June comes around."

But the name of Kevin Muscat won't be easily forgotten - especially as

Eddie Thomson has just called him up for the full squad against New Zealand.

And his name won't be forgotten by South Melbourne fans quickly either - especially as small piece of his heart will be forever Blue & White.

**Bruce Campbell**





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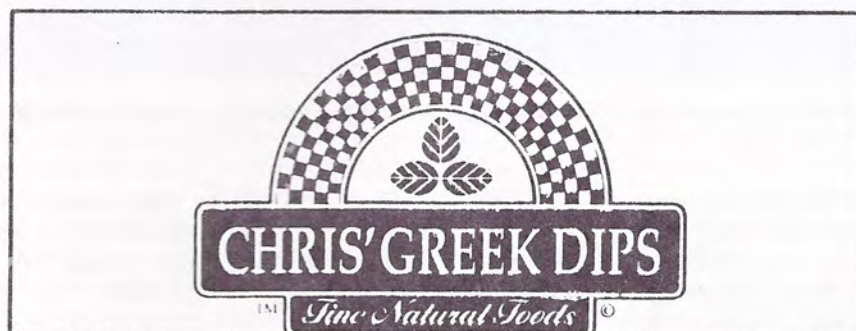
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*Football needs atmosphere to thrive with both clubs supporters essential*

# HOME & AWAY



*South Melbourne fans create plenty of noise – but the atmosphere would be increased with two sets of supporters*

**T**HIS SEASON the national competition, now called the Ericsson Cup, has taken a dramatic twist with the axing of Heidelberg United, Melbourne Zebras and Parramatta Eagles – along with the re-introduction of teams from Newcastle and Canberra.

The changes, plus an increase to a thirty three round competition, are part of a drive to increase the profile of soccer in this country as well as an attempt to place the game on a better financial footing.

On the face of it that seems great and few could argue that there is definitely a buzz in the air with the game's players, officials and fans; a feeling that the game *really* is on the way up.

But sadly one place where there isn't a buzz is on the terraces – and the reason is simple, a lack of derby

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**"There is only one way to increase gates at club level in the short term – by having more derby games."**

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***Bruce Campbell investigates***

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games.

In past seasons Sydney and Melbourne clubs have seen their biggest gates at derby matches and only in one season ever, when a Bobby Charlton inspired Newcastle team pulled a huge crowd of over 18,000, has the seasonal top crowd ever been for a non-derby game.

And when the NSL was first kicked off the Adelaide clubs knew the power of derby games by insisting on a two team representation.

Last season South Melbourne's biggest home crowd was for the derby against Heidelberg United – drawing capacity crowd in the Farewell to Middle Park.

But with the sacking of Heidelberg this season the club will be poorer at the turnstiles while an even bigger side effect is being felt – and one which no-one seems to have taken into account.

That is the lack of atmosphere at games because of the absence of away supporters in numbers.

When an interstate team scores there is almost a deathly hush at games and the only team which gets a roar is the home support.

Home games at places like Bruce



Stadium and Falcons Park are now almost sterile in atmosphere with a morgue-like hush every time the opposing team is on the break.

While the Aussie game is continually being compared to England maybe it is now time for our top administrators to take a leaf out of the pommie book.

English clubs Luton Town and Manchester United, which were notorious for placing a ban on away supporters – albeit for different reasons, have relented and welcomed them back to their stadia.

*And the reason?* – lack of atmosphere.

The game needs two sets of fans to get a buzz on the terraces, one to cheer on the home team the other to cheer on the away side and both to stimulate each other.

After all, you can't have a party on your own.

One of the game's top administrators recently confessed that he had doubts about the viability of the current set-up because of that reason but it seems that his arguments haven't held sway at board-room level.

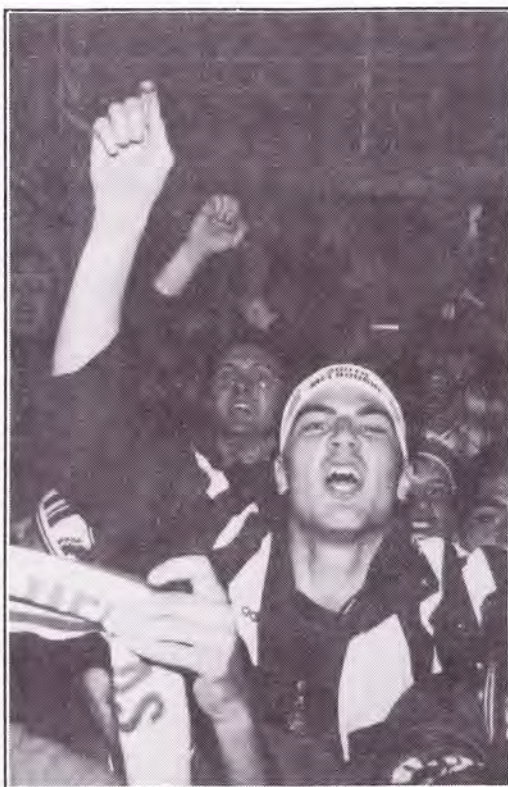
Now we are faced with a season without the familiar South Melbourne v Heidelberg United derby and the Marconi v Parramatta Eagles clash in Sydney – something which was almost unthinkable just a few seasons ago.

But the real danger is in the current trend for one-city clubs, a claim that they can gather sponsorship far easier than clubs in a multiple set-up.

Even if that was the case, and there are just as many arguments against it, what about the atmosphere?

Aren't the fans important in the game?

And how many fans are keen enough, or financial enough, to make the long and expensive inter-



state trips necessary to support their team away.

West Adelaide fans don't fly to away games, neither do Brisbane fans – and neither do those of any other club.

The big example in the Sydney soccer corridors of power is the icon of rugby league sides, the Canberra Raiders.

If all of our soccer clubs were as big as that ....

But the Raiders are fighting to pay off a huge debt incurred by trying to be too big and recently suffered a huge fine for an overdose of their salary cap.

So clearly, even in financial terms, the one-city club isn't the perfection that it is claimed to be.

What happens to fans of those sacked clubs, are we to believe that Heidelberg supporters are now flocking to see South?

What has happened to supporters of Brunswick or Preston or even Sydney City and APIA – how many of them are seen at Ericsson Cup games?

The vast majority are lost to the game forever, coming only to watch the Socceroos and spending the rest of their soccer days watching SBS, Galaxy and Optus.

There is only one way to increase gates at club level in the short term – and that is to have *more* derby games.

Certainly the move to a thirty three round competition is a step in the right direction.

Another one would be a period of consolidation.

And with the entry of Perth into the competition just around the corner that would mean an increase to a 13 team league – not the sacking of yet another big city club as is being forecast in the corridors of power.

In the long run any viable national league needs three or four teams from Melbourne and three or four from Sydney.

That is one of the basic facts of soccer life in Australia; a country which can't be compared to England where distance between cities is seldom more than a two hour train trip away and often much less.

The strain on player resources is another issue and one which isn't solved by sacking clubs – that just sees the player merry go round spin even harder.

Another necessary step for the game is for the power brokers to come clean about the immediate future; to issue a planned development of the league with the stages, and size, very clearly identified.

We want to know how many teams will be in next year's league, and the year after that and even the year after that – and we want to know now.

After all, we are the fans; the ones whose dollars keep the turnstiles ticking.

But we also want a buzz at our games – home and away.



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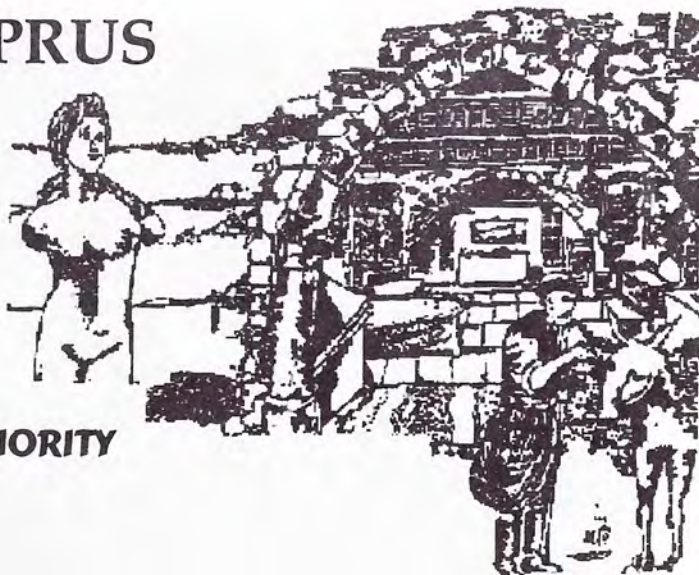




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# Fighting for his place

**D**EFENDER Mike Valkanis has started off the current season out of favour for a first team place – but that has not dented his enthusiasm to win back his place in the side – the exact opposite, in fact.

"It is up to the coach to pick the team," he said, "but that doesn't mean that I am happy with being out of the side."

"But I don't intend to go away and whinge about it – instead I have stepped up my own training so that I can be fit enough to win my place back."

"I am happy with the way I am playing – but obviously that isn't good enough, so I'll just have to keep working at it."

Last week Valkanis played a confident part in the Olyroos 3-0 demolition of Japan in Canberra and he has put that experience to good use to build up his confidence.

"It's great coming in to camp with the Olyroos," he added.



*TIME OUT FOR RELAXATION: but Mike Valkanis means business in his bid to regain his first team spot.*

"The full time atmosphere is something different but at the end of the day I have to win back my club place to keep my spot in the Olyroo side."

"There is always pressure to do well but Eddie Thomson seems to be satisfied – so far."

"Now I have to go out and convince everyone that I am also worth my place in the South Melbourne starting line up."

That attitude is good news for Blues coach Frank Arok and sees Valkanis pressurising the other defensive players to retain their spots.

Valkanis, after playing a part in South Melbourne's finals push last year, hasn't figured in the Ericsson Cup to date – but he hopes that that will be a temporary measure as Frank Arok still searches for the perfect blend which take the club to the Top Six again this season.

In the meantime the competition is keeping everyone on their toes.

## GALA ON TARGET

THE GALA opening of Lakeside Stadium has been set for November 26 – as announced in the last issue of *In Blue & White*.

The visitors will be West Adelaide Sharks and a big night is planned being planned by the club to mark the occasion.

But a change in fixtures sees tonight's game against Sydney United as the last home game at Olympic Park – with the Round 7 match against

Sydney Olympic being switched to Sydney.

"We need a win tonight against Sydney United to consolidate our Top Six position," says Peter Filopoulos, "and then after that it is full steam ahead for our history making home match against West Adelaide at Lakeside Stadium."

"That will be a night to remember."

As we went to press Kiwi Vaughan Coveney was definitely ruled out of tonight's match with an automatic one match suspension after being red carded against Wollongong and coach Frank Arok was toying with the idea of bringing new signing, Aleksander Duric, into the first team.



## ERICSSON CUP THE TOP MARKSMEN

4	Damien MORI (Adelaide City)
4	Warren SPINK (Morwell Falcons)
3	Francis AWARITEFE (Marconi-Fairfield)
3	Andy HARPER (Marconi-Fairfield)
3	Jim TSEKINIS (West Adelaide)
2	Elias AUGERINOS (UTS Olympic)
2	Jason BENNETT (Newcastle Breakers)
2	Brian BOTHWELL (Morwell Falcons)
2	Sean CRANNEY (Brisbane Strikers)
2	Frank FARINA (Brisbane Strikers)
2	Brad MALONEY (Marconi-Fairfield)
2	Tony PERINICH (Wollongong Wolves)
2	Michael REDA (Morwell Falcons)
2	Kris TRAJANOVSKI (UTS Olympic)
1	Shaun BABIC (Sydney United)
1	Mark BATTISTIN (Brisbane Strikers)
1	Jason BENNETT (Newcastle Breakers)
1	Matthew BINGLEY (Marconi-Fairfield)
1	Damian BROWN (Newcastle Breakers)
1	Rod BROWN (Brisbane Strikers)
1	Claudio CANOSA (Morwell Falcons)
1	Adam CIANTAR (UTS Olympic)
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## 1995/96 SOUTH MELBOURNE STATS

### Best Crowd:

6,290 v Melbourne Knights (Away) - Round 1

### Best Home Crowd:

2,725 v Canberra Cosmos - Round 4

### Total Home Crowds:

2,725 (1 game)

### Average Home Crowd:

2,725

### 95/96 Ericsson Cup Top Crowd:

6,837 Newcastle Breakers v UTS Olympic (Rnd 1)

## ERICSSON CUP PLAYER APPEARANCES

05	Anastasiadis
05	Anthopoulos
02	Baser
05	Coveny
01	Curcija
04	Damianos
05	Kelic
05	Kuzmanovic
04	Lewis
03	Mangos
05	Nikolic
03	Papadopoulos
05	Petersen
04	Sherifovski
05	Trimboli



### GOAL SCORERS:

01	Bill DAMIANOS
01	Ivan KELIC
01	Steve MANGOS
01	Steve PANOPOULOS
01	Paul TRIMBOLI

## ALL TIME SOUTH MELBOURNE PLAYER FIGURES

TOP SCORER 94/95: Ivan Kelic - 13 goals

ALL TIME ONE SEASON TOP SCORER:

Doug Brown - 22 goals season 1984

NSL GOALS RECORD: Charlie Egan - 73

NSL APPEARANCE RECORD: Steve Blair - 338



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## BIG MATCH RESULTS

## ERICSSON CUP

### ROUND 5

Wollongong City 2 (Perinich, Luff)

South Melbourne 0

Venue: Brandon Park

Att: 2,980 Referee: C Diomis

Morwell Falcons 2 (Bothwell, Canosa)

West Adelaide 1 (Tsekinis)

Venue: Falcons Stadium

Att: 3,782 Referee: C Naumcevski

Canberra Cosmos 2 (Kelly, Perinovic)

UTS Olympic 3 (Meredith, Augerinos, Tome)

Venue: Bruce Stadium

Att: 3,920 Referee: S Micaleff

Melbourne Knights 2 (Lapsansky, Vojtek)

Brisbane Strikers 0

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre

Att: 2,680 Referee: W Dade

Adelaide City 0

Marconi-Fairfield 2 (Maloney, Awaritefe)

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Att: 4,866 Referee: E Brazzale

Sydney United 1 (Rudan)

Newcastle Breakers 2 (Bennett, Lowe)

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre

Att: 4,716 Referee: D Crawford

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ROUND 5: 22,944

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

Morwell Falcons 1 Melbourne Knights 1

North Geelong 1 Melbourne Zebras 1

Springvale City 2 Altona Magic 0

Green Gully 1 VIS 0

Port Melbourne 0 Bulleen 2

South Melbourne 1 Heidelberg United 1

## Ericsson Cup

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morwell Falcons	5	3	1	1	12	7	10
Marconi-Fairfield	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
Melbourne Knights	5	3	1	1	6	2	10
UTS Olympic	5	3	1	1	9	8	10
South Melbourne	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Adelaide City	5	2	0	3	5	5	6
West Adelaide	5	1	3	1	4	4	6
Sydney United	4	1	2	1	2	2	5
Newcastle Breakers	5	1	2	2	5	11	5
Brisbane Strikers	4	1	0	3	6	6	3
Wollongong City	4	1	0	3	3	7	3
Canberra Cosmos	4	0	2	2	4	7	2

\*Midweek games not included

## National Youth League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Bulleen Lions	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
VIS	3	2	0	1	13	3	6
Melbourne Zebras	3	1	2	0	7	4	5
Heidelberg United	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Springvale City Reds	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Altona Magic	3	1	0	2	1	2	3
Green Gully	3	1	0	2	1	5	3
Melbourne Knights	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Morwell Falcons	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
North Geelong Warriors	3	0	1	2	1	9	1
Port Melbourne Sharks	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

### NSL NOTICE

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- 6 Con Anthopoulos
- 7 Steve Panopoulos
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- 9 Paul Trimboli (C)
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- 11 Agim Sherifovski
- 12 Bill Damianos
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- 14 Michael Petersen
- 15 Nick Papadopoulos
- 16 Tansell Baser
- 17 Sasa Nikolic
- 18 Michael Curcija
- 19 Daniel Alsopp
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### LIKELY LINE-UP



COACH: Frank Arok

### LAST SIX LEAGUE HOME GAMES

- v Canberra Cosmos (22.10.95) DREW 2-2
- v Morwell Falcons (23.4.95) WON 5-1 Top Six
- v Melbourne Knights (9.4.95) DREW 1-1
- v Melbourne SC (02.4.95) WON 1-0
- v Sydney United (18.3.95) LOST 0-1
- v Parramatta Eagles (4.3.95) DREW 1-1

### LAST SEASON:

Sydney United seemed to hold the wood over South Melbourne with two league wins – until the dramatic play off for the Top Six at Marconi Stadium. Blues 2 United 1.



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**CURRENT FORM:** The Blues haven't hit the sort of consistency that Frank Arok requires – and are coming off a bad loss away to Wollongong. Sydney United aren't getting results either and everything points to a tight game – which South Melbourne should win by the odd goal.

### LAST SIX LEAGUE AWAY GAMES

v Wollongong City	WON 1-0 (20.10.95)
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v Melbourne SC	WON 1-0 (26.03.95)





# Classy United struggling to put it together

**C**LASS is a word which very definitely describes the current Sydney United team – even with the loss of six of their first team regulars from last season.

"We still have the players to do the job," says United coach Branko Culina. "But it just isn't happening now."

The truth of that is the team which took the league by storm last season is struggling to get into the Top Six.

"I'm not panicking," says Branko Culina, "but maybe I am being a bit too loyal to some of my players. "Maybe I shouldn't be judging them on potential but rather on form. But I still believe in these players to do well this year."

Club captain Tony Popovic echoes those words although he had to sit out the first few games with injury.

"We have to aim to finish higher than the third spot we got last year," says the quiet young man who is one of the game's big achievers. This is a good side and we are capable of doing anything."

Against Newcastle last week the young guns of



Sydney United threw everything at their opposition but the kitchen sink – but still found it hard to get goals.

A solitary Marko Rudan strike was their sole

reward for some devastating play and in the end the Breakers snatched what must have been this year's example of robbery under floodlights.

There isn't panic at the Croatian Sports Centre – yet.


But Branko Culina is determined to change that potential into reality – as quickly as possible.





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# Trimmers gets Aussie call-up

**L**AST SEASON national coach Eddie Thomson said that Paul Trimboli was "too slow" for international football – but he's had a dramatic change of heart and recalled the South Melbourne midfielder to the Socceroo squad for the Trans Tasman Cup matches against New Zealand this month.

"I never thought that I was too slow," said the twenty six year old Trimboli.

"Some players are fast, some have other attributes – I think that I have other attributes, like my passing and ball control.

"And I have every confidence that I am good enough to play for

my country."

This season Trimboli has started off where he finished last season – in dazzling form, leaving Thomson with no choice but to include him in his eighteen man squad.

But there is surprisingly no place for Mike Petersen, leaving Trimboli as the Blues only representative.

Trimboli has eleven full caps to date, with the last coming in 1993 against South Korea.

He has also scored three goals in that time – against Fiji (1988), Israel (1989) and Kuwait (1993).

Despite the fact that Trimmers 'only' has eleven caps (that's eleven more than me – Ed.) there are few in the squad who have been around the scene as long as

him.

"He has always had ability," adds coach Eddie Thomson, "but maybe he has never really fulfilled some of that undoubted potential."

Now Trimboli has the opportunity to cement his place in the Socceroo starting line-up and would be a favourite to play in the two games against New Zealand on Friday 10 November (Christchurch) and Wednesday 15 November (Newcastle).

Three former South Melbourne players are also in the preliminary squad – Kevin Muscat (Sheffield United), Jason Polak (Brisbane Strikers) and Paul Wade (Canberra Cosmos).



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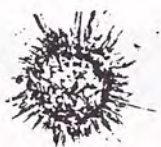
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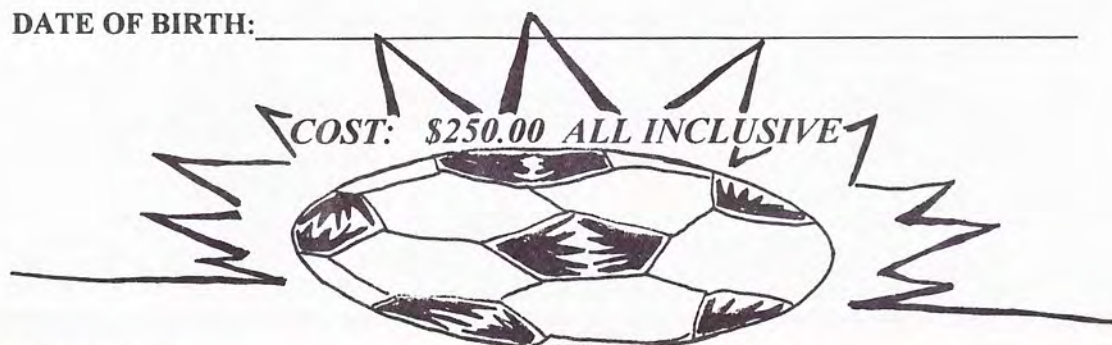
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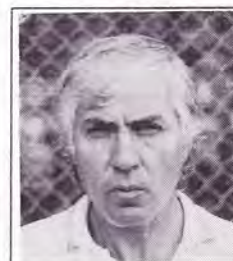
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